



**Washington State Board of Optometry  
Minutes of Meeting**

A meeting of the Washington State Board of Optometry was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2008, by Mariann Tonder, O.D., Chair. The meeting was held at the Renaissance Seattle Hotel, Columbia Room, 515 Madison Street, Seattle, WA 98104

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Mariann Tonder, O.D., Chair  
Mary Lou Staples, Public Member  
Laura Toepfer, O.D.  
Grant Lindberg, O.D.  
Thomas Riley, O.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Judy Haenke, Acting Executive Director  
Janette Benham, Program Manager

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Wayne Serin, O.D.

**ORDER OF AGENDA**

**OPEN SESSION:**

**6:00 p.m.                      Call to Order**

1.     Approval of Agenda  
      The agenda was approved with the addition of 6.4 *Signature Authority*.
2.     Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2008, meeting  
      The minutes of the March 7, 2008, meeting were approved as written.

**6:10 p.m.                      REPORTS**

3.     Mariann Tonder, O.D., Chair  
      Dr. Tonder reported on the Associated Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) meeting that was in Seattle June 22-June 24, 2008.  
      There was discussion at the ARBO meeting about random practice audits being conducted in some states. The audits were viewed as a proactive approach by boards to provide suggestions to the selected optometrists regarding basic requirements.

Testing update: After 2009 the TMOD will not be a stand-alone score. The score will be in Part II. NBEO is considering adding injections to Part III. Parts I, II, and III have been reorganized, and the NBEO is moving timelines up.

There was discussion at the ARBO meeting regarding contact lenses that would dispense allergy medications. When these are developed, Washington's law may need to be revised.

The Board discussed increasing Board member terms to four years to be more consistent with other state boards' terms of service. It was noted that Washington board members can't serve on the ARBO Board of Directors because current Washington terms are three years in length.

Dr. Tonder attended the Department of Health's Leadership Forum on May 8, 2008, at the Clarion SeaTac Hotel. The Leadership Forum was an opportunity for board and commission chairpersons and vice-chairpersons to meet with Department of Health staff. DOH staff provided updates regarding the reorganization, sanction guidelines, background checks, and mandatory reporting.

**4. Judy Haenke, Acting Executive Director**

- Ms. Haenke had nothing new to report

**5. Janette Benham, Program Manager**

- Ms. Benham reported that recruitment efforts are ongoing to fill two Board positions.

**7:00 p.m.**

**6.0 Correspondence**

- 6.1 The board reviewed a request for a list of all licensed optometrists submitted by the American Academy of Optometry (AAO). The board approved AAO for 5 years.
- 6.2 The board reviewed a request for a list of all licensed optometrists submitted by Pharma Technologies. The purpose of the request was for license verification. The board denied the request because licenses can be verified through the Department's Provider Credential Search as needed.
- 6.3 A request was made by Wayne Serin, OD, for the board to review procedures at Boeing regarding vision screening of employees. After discussion, the board agreed to clarify with Boeing the lawful way to provide vision screening to employees.
- 6.4 The board reviewed the Delegation of Signature Authority form and approved appropriate personnel and the Department of Health have signature authority for credentialing and applications for the Board of Optometry.

**7.0 Continuing Education**

The following courses were submitted by one individual for approval:

- *Medical Coding & Billing* (Feb 9, 08), 8 CE hours requested, not approved—related to the sale of a product

- *Medical Coding & Billing* (Feb 2, 08), 8 CE hours requested, not approved—related to the sale of a product
- *Medical Coding* (Jan 14, 08), 8 CE hours requested, not approved—related to the sale of a product.
- *Maximizing Practice Revenue With Effective Medical Coding & Billing* (Feb 6, 07), approved for 3 CE hours
- *Most Perplexing Billing & Coding Question* (Nov. 13, 07), approved for 3 CE hours
- *RBRVS & How Insurance Companies Use It To Pay You* (Feb 16, 07), 6 CE hours requested, approved for 4 CE hours
- 5 Articles published in *Review of Cornea & Contact Lenses* (Jan, Mar, Apr, May and June 07), 15 CE hours requested, approved for 10 CE hours
- *Maximizing Practice Revenue With Effective Medical Coding & Billing* (Oct 16, 07), 3 CE hours requested, denied for CE—over 10 hour limit in reporting period
- *Timing is Everything* - Article in *Optometric Mgmt* (Feb 08 Edition), 3 CE hours requested, denied for CE—over the 10 hour limit
- *Hanging On to What You've Earned* (Mar 08 Edition), 3 CE hours requested, denied for CE—over the 10 hour limit
- *Medical Coding and Billing* (Same as one & Two above)(Jan 5, 08), 8 CE hours requested, not approved—related to the sale of a product
- Articles: 5 part series--Billing for External Ocular Photography 92285 for publication in *Review of Cornea and Contact Lenses Magazine*, 15 CE hours requested, denied for CE—over the 10 hour limit. Request may be resubmitted at time of publication if publication date falls within the next two-year reporting period.

The board reviewed the following courses for continuing education approval:

- *Complementary and Alternative Medicine* (Nov 8, 2007) and *Neurology for Primary Care* (Feb 8, 2008) was approved for 14 hours CE
- Admission to optometric organizations (WAC 246-851-140)--American Academy of Optometry Fellowship-- an undetermined number of hours CE was requested. The board requested more information regarding time spent preparing articles and if it falls within the two year reporting period.
- *Corneal Care Workshop and Introduction to Lamellar Keratoplasty* lecture was approved for 3 hours CE
- One 2-hour presentation for MEDEX, two 2-hour presentations for UW School of Medicine, and one 3-hour presentation for Tacoma Family Medicine were approved for 9 hours CE
- *Presbyopia Correcting IOLs: Case Analysis* was approved for 2 hours CE
- *2008 Patient Safety Workshop* was approved for 2 hours CE
- *Post-op Management of Cataract Patients* was approved for 1 hour CE
- *Nuts and Bolts of Billing for Multifocal IOL Pre and Post-op Care* was approved for 2 hours CE
- *Cutting Edge Laser Vision Correction and Sutureless Corneal Transplants* was approved for 2 hours CE
- *The Finer Art of Cataract Surgery and Neuroadaptation and Functional Visual Disorders* was approved for 4 hours CE
- *Neuroadaptation and Functional Visual Disorders* was approved for 2 hours CE
- *Lasers in Glaucoma* was approved for 2 hours CE

- *The Finer Art of Cataract Surgery* was approved for 2 hours CE
- *Pentacam Applications for Cataract and Refractive Surgery Patients* was approved for 2 hours CE
- *Neuro-Ophthalmology* was approved for 3 hours CE
- *Presbyopia Correction IOLs: Case Analysis* was approved for 2 hours CE
- *Lasik Vs. Contact Lenses* - A review and analysis of safety was approved for 1 hour CE

Dr. Gander was chosen by the board as the continuing education reviewer for the next quarter.

**8:15 p.m.**

**8. Rules Update**

The Department of Health filed rules that increased the licensing fees for some professions. By law a profession's fees must cover the costs to administer the profession. These costs include setting standards for the profession, credentialing, disciplinary activities, and the University of Washington online journal access fee.

**9. Below Threshold Criteria for Profession-Specific Allegations and Sanction Guidelines**

Judy aenke provided information regarding Below Threshold Criteria for profession-Specific Allegations and Sanction Guidelines

**10. Annual Postgraduate Seminar**

10.1 The Board discussed the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Postgraduate Seminar held on March 8-9, 2008 at the University of Washington, Kane Hall. Evaluation forms for each presenter were reviewed. The board also discussed possible topics for the 2009 seminar.

10.2 Dr. Tonder and Dr. Riley were chosen by the board to be the chairpersons for the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Postgraduate Seminar. The seminar will be March 28 and 29, 2009. Dr. Toepfer was chosen as a back up chairperson.

**8:45 pm. Open Forum**

No comments from the audience.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**11. Review of Requests for Certification to use oral medications**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mariann Tonder, O.D., Chair